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|  | First Inventor         | Robert B. Lawson       |
|  | Title                  | Poolgrating and method |
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Prior application information:

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Art Unit:

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid      |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|---------------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |               |
| 1001         | 750      | 2001         | 375      | Utility filing fee     | <b>375.00</b> |
| 1002         | 330      | 2002         | 165      | Design filing fee      |               |
| 1003         | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant filing fee       |               |
| 1004         | 750      | 2004         | 375      | Reissue filing fee     |               |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |               |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **375.00**

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

|                    | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims       | 20** =       | X              |          |
| Independent Claims | 3** =        | X              |          |
| Multiple Dependent |              |                |          |

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201         | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203         | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204         | 84       | 2204         | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--------------|
| 1051     | 130      | 2051     | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |              |
| 1052     | 50       | 2052     | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |              |
| 1053     | 130      | 1053     | 130      | Non-English specification  |              |
| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |              |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |              |
| 1805     | 1,840*   | 1805     | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |              |
| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     | <b>55.00</b> |
| 1252     | 410      | 2252     | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |              |
| 1253     | 930      | 2253     | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |              |
| 1254     | 1,450    | 2254     | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |              |
| 1255     | 1,970    | 2255     | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |              |
| 1401     | 320      | 2401     | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |              |
| 1402     | 320      | 2402     | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |              |
| 1403     | 280      | 2403     | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |              |
| 1451     | 1,510    | 1451     | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |              |
| 1452     | 110      | 2452     | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |              |
| 1453     | 1,300    | 2453     | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |              |
| 1501     | 1,300    | 2501     | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |              |
| 1502     | 470      | 2502     | 235      | Design issue fee   |              |
| 1503     | 630      | 2503     | 315      | Plant issue fee  |              |
| 1460     | 130      | 1460     | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |              |
| 1807     | 50       | 1807     | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |              |
| 1806     | 180      | 1806     | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |              |
| 8021     | 40       | 8021     | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |              |
| 1809     | 750      | 2809     | 375      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |              |
| 1810     | 750      | 2810     | 375      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |              |
| 1801     | 750      | 2801     | 375      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |              |
| 1802     | 900      | 1802     | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |              |

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